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1. IN VIEW OF PATTERN SET BY DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY RE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH SAO TOME & PRINCIPE, DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO ISSUANCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE, IF FONMIN TROVOADA SHOULD PROPOSE IT IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WE WOULD NOT VIEW JOINT COMMUNIQUE, HOWEVER, AS SUBSTITUTE TO WRITTEN REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY BETTER PLACED TO PROPOSE TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE, BEARING IN MIND OUR DESIRE TO AVOID REFERENCES WHICH MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AS OFFER OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN SCHOLARSHIPS MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR MOORE TO DA GRACA AT INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY.

3. BEGIN FYI. AF/C HAS LEARNED THAT SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
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HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR UN MEMBERSHIP, HOPING TO AVOID

COST INVOLVED BY RECEIVING SIMILAR STATUS AS SAMOAN ISLANDS.
(WESTERN SAMOAN ISLANDS ARE NOT DUES-PAYING MEMBERS, BUT
CAN PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL PROJECTS.) DURING CONVERSATION
WITH TRAVOADA IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO LEARN WHAT GSTP IN-
TENTIONS ARE RE UN AND IF GSTP HAS FORMULATED POSITIONS ON

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING SEVENTH SPECIAL AND 30TH
UNGA SESSIONS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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